AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the third paragraph of page 9 of the specification as follows:

In Figure 2, reflective surfaces 13, 11 are renumbered as mirrors M1 and M2 respectively. The central axis A of the mirrors is rotated by angle θ about the Y-axis. Angle φ indicates the angle of the two mirrors M1 and M2 with respect to central axis A. θ represents the rotation angle of the element about the rotation axis which coincides with the origin. The diagram also illustrates the distance [[R]]r which is the distance along the central axis A from the rotation axis to the centre of mirror M1 or mirror M2.

Please amend the first complete paragraph on page 12 of the specification as follows:

When the beam experiences the maximum delay and exits via exit path 59, it impinges on roof prism 63 which is a right angled prism. Roof prism 63 reflects radiation beam 59 through 180° and along path 65 which is parallel to exit path 59 and displaced from path 59 in the direction of the rotation axis of the prism 51. Preferably, roof prism 63 includes polarisation translation means 64, as described above, to allow the polarisation of the reflected radiation beam (e.g., on path 65) to be different than the polarisation of the beam entering the element for the first time (e.g., beam 59).

Please amend the third paragraph on page 13 of the specification as follows:

When the beam experiences the maximum delay and exits via exit path 103, it impinges on large roof prism 105 which is a right angled prism. Roof prism 105 reflects radiation beam 103 through 180° and along path 107 which is parallel to exit path 103 and displaced from path 103 in the direction of the rotation axis of the prism 51. Preferably, roof prism 105 includes polarisation translation means 106, as described above, to allow the polarisation of the reflected radiation beam (e.g., on path 107) to be different than the polarisation of the beam entering the element for the first time (e.g., beam 101).